

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 5, 2008*

Mr. CONAWAY. Madam Speaker on rollcall No. 85, S. 2272—The “John ‘Marty’ Thiels Post Office” Designation Act, in honor and memory of Thiels, a Louisiana postal worker who was killed in the line of duty on October 4, 2007, I was unable to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

## A PROCLAMATION HONORING NORM GARY ON HIS RETIREMENT

### HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 5, 2008*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Mr. Gary has demonstrated values of hard work and service throughout his life, always maintaining a positive outlook; and

Whereas, Mr. Gary is recognized for 30 years of dedication to the Hocking County community; and

Whereas, Mr. Gary has impacted the lives of many while teaching residents skills that have helped them obtain employment; Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I thank Norm Gary for his 30 years of service. We recognize the tremendous impact he has had in his community and in the lives of all those people he has touched.

## VALERO

### HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 5, 2008*

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, on January 10, 1901 the world was introduced to the modern petroleum age. It was on this day in Jefferson County, Texas the Gladys City Oil, Gas, and Manufacturing Company discovered the largest oil reserve the world had ever seen. Ever since Jefferson County, Texas has been a leader in the oil and gas industry, fueling our nation's economy.

This tradition of leadership continues today with the recent announcement of Valero's Port Arthur Refinery \$2.4 billion expansion project.

Valero will be expanding their Port Arthur Refinery, becoming the 2nd largest refinery in Jefferson County, which is home to some of the largest refineries in the nation. When construction is complete, it will produce 415,000 barrels of per day. The Port Arthur refinery production resume includes conventional, premium and reformulated gasoline before oxy-

genate blending, as well as diesel, jet fuel, petrochemicals, petroleum coke and sulfur. This project will generate an economic boost to Southeast Texas by bringing in 2,000 jobs.

Valero is more than just an oil company, it is an active corporate citizen concerned about all aspects of the community where it resides. Both the corporation and employees alike are focused on the betterment of their community. With its 2007 pledge of \$13 million to the United Way Campaign, Valero is the only company that has received United Way's highest national honor, the Spirit of America Award, twice.

Valero also hosts the largest professional charity golf tournament in the country. The Valero Texas Open, which is an official PGA Tour event, and the associated Benefit for Children Golf Classic, which is Valero's own charity tournament, raised a record-breaking \$8 million for charities. That is the largest contribution of any tournament in the PGA Tour's history.

Employees give back both financially and through their time, last year employees donated 272,346 hours of time for countless community projects, including mentoring students, organizing fund-raisers, participating in clean-up events, volunteering at youth centers and much more.

I am proud to commend Valero for its corporate citizenship and commitment to communities not only in Southeast Texas but across the nation.

And that's just the way it is.

## QIAOCHU YUAN CONGRATULATIONS

### HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 5, 2008*

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, It gives me great pleasure to honor Qiaochu Yuan, a senior at Bellevue High School, for being named 1 of 40 finalists in the prestigious Intel Science Talent Search, STS—America's most prestigious research competition for high school seniors, often referred to as the “junior Nobel prize.”

Qiaochu submitted a mathematics project involving the complex and highly intellectual subject of algebraic geometry. His groundbreaking work may one day be used by future generations in the field of computer-aided design. On top of being named a finalist in the Intel STS, Qiaochu has excelled in his daily studies and will finish first in his graduating class of 334 this spring. Additionally, Qiaochu received a perfect score on his SAT test.

Qiaochu's persistent work ethic and truly remarkable accomplishments provide a wonderful example for his peers at Bellevue High School and other aspiring scientists and mathematicians around the country. I've been told Qiaochu is deciding whether to attend MIT or

Princeton next year. No matter where he takes his talent and intellect, he will surely continue to reach new heights and advance the boundaries of math and science.

## TRIBUTE TO THE HARRISVILLE LIONS CLUB

### HON. PHIL ENGLISH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 5, 2008*

Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, today I rise to congratulate the members of the Harrisville Lions Club as they celebrate their 60th anniversary this year.

For over half a century, the Harrisville Lions Club has been dedicated to helping the less fortunate. As a Lions Club, the organization is part of the world's largest service organization with over 1.3 million members worldwide.

They have provided aid for those in need, whether it is helping local residents obtain eyeglasses or assisting families after disasters. The Club has been involved in several children's programs, including supporting a camp for local blind children and sponsoring a drug poster program aimed to raise awareness among elementary students of the problems associated with drug use.

I commend Harrisville club president, Lion Connie Rider, for her leadership and dedication to the organization. I'd also like to recognize Lion Leroy Montgomery, who at the age of 99, remains a very active member of the Harrisville Lions Club. I applaud Mr. Montgomery for his lifetime of dedication to helping the less fortunate in his community. His efforts have certainly not gone unnoticed.

I hope my colleagues will join me at this time in recognizing the accomplishments of these individuals as well as all of the other members of the Harrisville Lions Club. Congratulations on 60 years of service.

## TRIBUTE TO DR. NICHOLAS NEUPAUER

### HON. PHIL ENGLISH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 5, 2008*

Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Dr. Nicholas Neupauer for his appointment as the 8th president of Butler County Community College, BC3.

Throughout his career, Dr. Neupauer has established himself as a leader in higher education. For the past 8 years he has worked at BC3, serving as vice president for academic affairs from 2004 to 2007 and as dean for humanities and social sciences from 1999 to 2004.

As vice president, Dr. Neupauer coordinated articulations and dual enrollments with three

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institutions as part of the LindenPointe project in addition to bringing five degree completion partners to Butler's main campus. As dean, he was instrumental in the development of the Praxis Preparation program, which has helped more than 3,000 students and attained a remarkable 95 percent passing rate since its introduction. Prior to his arrival at BC3, he chaired the Communication Department at Marist College where he created a sports communication degree and was recognized by the Office of Special Services for his efforts for students with disabilities.

Dr. Neupauer's contributions to Pennsylvania's Third Congressional District go beyond those made as an administrator and professor. Dr. Neupauer participates in many service activities, including United Way Day of Caring, Pittsburgh Area K-16 Council, and Butler P.M. Rotary. In the 2003-2004 school year, he was named an "Outstanding Service and Community Achievement" recipient for administrators at BC3.

I hope my colleagues will join me in congratulating Dr. Nicholas Neupauer and wishing him the best of luck in his new position as president of Butler County Community College. Pennsylvania's Third Congressional District is fortunate to have such a dedicated person to educate our youth and develop the future leaders of our district, State and Nation.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

#### HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 5, 2008*

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I am proud to congratulate the Republic of Korea on the 89th anniversary of the March 1 Independence Movement against Japan's colonial rule.

It is especially fitting for Americans to join Koreans in celebrating this day. Many believe that the Fourteen Points, outlined by U.S. President Wilson at the Paris Peace Conference, helped to inspire the Samil Movement to protest against the restrictive Japanese government.

On March 1, 1919, hundreds of Koreans participated in peaceful rallies to promote liberation. Some were upset by the burdensome taxation system that often led to famine or slavery. Many Korean Christians, including entire churches, protested the strict religious regulations enforced by the Japanese.

Across the country, nationalist leaders simultaneously read the independence declaration out loud in public. These readings motivated thousands of demonstrators to join the cause of freedom, and the movement grew. The Japanese responded by killing thousands of protestors. In at least one case, Korean men were driven into a church and burned alive. However, it took the Japanese 12 months, and the assistance of the army and navy, to quell the uprising. In the end, the Japanese government was forced to adopt more lenient measures.

The United States has been proud to stand with the people of the Republic of Korea as they confronted oppression, solidified their democracy, and became part of the vibrant Asian economy. Even after independence is

gained, it must be carefully guarded. Brave citizens must be willing to sacrifice their lives in order to protect liberty. Just as both of our nations have struggled to survive after the initial moment of independence was earned, we must continue to foster the causes of freedom and democracy.

Again, I congratulate the Korean people on this historic celebration. This anniversary is a time to remember the sacrifices of the past, to take pride in your nation, and to look ahead to a future of promise.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 5, 2008*

Mr. CONAWAY. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 86, H.R. 3936—The "Sgt. Jason Harkins Post Office" Designation Act, I was unable to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

#### MISSILES AND SATELLITES

#### HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 5, 2008*

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, starting in WWII the Army recognized a need for defense against the German's A4, the world's first ballistic missile. In that time the allies' only defense against the A4 was to destroy or occupy its launch site. Some accounts state that if the war lasted another year, the German Army would have had the technology to develop a ballistic missile that could reach New York City. During the war, General Sir Fredrick Pile, Chief of Britain's Anti-Aircraft command, developed a system using 12,000 rounds of anti-aircraft artillery with only 3 percent accuracy. We have since come a long way in missile defense.

During the Cold War spurred on by a continued threat to our soil, Ronald Reagan called "upon the scientific community, those who gave us nuclear weapons, to turn their great talents to the cause of mankind and world peace to give our country the means of rendering these nuclear weapons impotent and obsolete."

Our Nation was able to use this technology once again, as Reagan had intended to keep safe the citizens of not just the United States, but this time an unknown country that could have come in direct contact with a disabled spy satellite and its dangerous 1,000 pound tank full of hydrazine fuel.

This mission was to be precisely executed with a direct hit to bus sized satellite's heart, a fuel tank. Hydrazine fuel could be compared to ammonia and would be dangerous should the intact satellite land anywhere in the world near a populated area. The U.S. military did not take this mission lightly, taking every precaution to protect the unfortunate country that would have fallen victim to this freefalling piece of space junk. A Standard Missile 3, or SM-3, costs \$10 million and with another \$20 million spent on missile reconfiguration for this specific task, the project cost around \$30 million.

A broken down satellite does not float lazily 130 miles above the Pacific Ocean; it rockets through space at 17,000 miles per hour. The precision and timing have to be perfect to strike an object at such a great distance and speed. The SM-3 missile travels at around 6,000 miles per hour and was launched from the USS Lake Erie in the North Pacific. When the missile was fired at 10:26 p.m. Eastern Time, only 3 minutes elapsed until it hit its intended above atmosphere target. Approximately 10 minutes after the missile was launched it was confirmed "highly likely" that impact was made on the satellite's fuel tank. When the missile struck the satellite at a combined speed of 22,000 miles per hour there was a great burst. Marine General James Cartwright, vice-chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, took this burst as an 80-90 percent chance that the missile hit its intended target, the fuel tank, because the missile was not armed with a warhead.

This giant piece of metal and gas would have done major environmental and physical damage when it eventually found a landing pad on earth. However due to accurate military technology, and exact execution scientists are now monitoring 3,000 pieces of satellite, none larger than a football, that are all expected to burn up in the earth's atmosphere before they reach the earth's surface.

The U.S. military's innovation and ingenuity is unmatched in the world. This launch was an unprecedented real world test of the United States' missile defense system so extraordinary that defense secretary Robert Gates, not a lower ranking military official had to give the launch order. Secretary Gates said in response to the direct hit "I think the questions over whether this (missile defense system) capability works has been settled."

And that's just the way it is.

#### NORTHWEST KIDNEY CENTERS SEATAC FACILITY

#### HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 5, 2008*

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to rise and congratulate Northwest Kidney Centers for the recent completion of their SeaTac facility. Located near the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, the new facility provides additional medical surge capacity at a moment's notice to communities facing a major public health emergency.

With ever-increasing numbers of obese and diabetic Americans, organizations such as Northwest Kidney Centers offer an unparalleled number of services to patients in need of critical, advanced care. Hundreds of dialysis staff and nephrologists are equipped and prepared for any emergency, and the new facility's innovative design allows additional dialysis stations to be activated at any time. The new facility will no doubt play an integral role in the lives of countless Northwest residents who depend on kidney therapy to live quality lives—and to enable them to spend more time with their families and friends.

The new Northwest Kidney Centers' SeaTac Facility is a perfect example of a successful State and Federal partnership, and it will be a significant asset to our communities. All of us